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General

- Article 1. The purpose of this organization is to unite in one organization Bulgarian emigrants now living in Yugoslavia.
- Article 2. Every Bulgarian over 14 years of age who lives in Yugoslavia and agrees to take an active part in the Society may become a member.
- Article 3. The headquarters of the Society is located at (not given), Belgrade, and will have its own seal with the following words (omitted).
- Article 4. To provide the greatest opportunity for Bulgarians in Yugoslavia to join the Society, local branches of the Society may be organized in cities and towns where there are at least 10 Bulgarians who wish to become members.

## II

### Aims of the Society

- Article 5. With the aim of developing pacific and friendly relations between nations, strengthening international peace and security, frustrating aggression and respecting the human rights of citizens, the Society will:
- a. work for closer understanding and better relations between the peoples of Bulgaria and Yugoslavia and educate its members toward a friendly collaboration;
  - b. work for the political, cultural and educational improvement of its members by developing in them a social

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Article 15. The Executive Committee may draft a program regarding the work of the departments of the Society.

Article 16. The organization of the Committee will be within the limits set by the above regulations.

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Additional Regulations

Article 17. The financial needs of the Society will be met by dues, the amount to be decided upon by the Assembly, admissions charged for spectacles organized by the Society, and other sources (sic).

Article 18. The suspension of the activity of the Society may be decided upon by the Assembly by a majority of two-thirds of the vote of the total membership. In the case that the Society is disbanded, the Assembly will decide as to the disposition of the real property.

Article 19. All regulations will come into force at the time they are accepted by the Assembly and can be changed only by the Assembly.

Article 20. Membership in the Society ceases after resignation, expulsion or death.

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment: In [REDACTED] the above organization was referred to as the Bulgarian Refugee Committee but it is now believed that the Bulgarian Emigrant Society is the correct name and it will be used in the future. The Yugoslavs originally planned to include Rumanians in the Society but the plan fell through because of lack of Rumanian supporters. 25X1A

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consciousness based on the respect of political, economical and cultural achievements of the peoples of both countries;

- c. educate its members in the spirit of a brotherhood and union between both countries;
- d. extend active help to the people of Yugoslavia in the building of socialism in their country. To realize these ends the society will collaborate with Yugoslav social organizations and especially organizations of the People's Front.

Article 6. The Society will concern itself with the welfare of its members by finding them employment according to their qualifications and especially by assisting them in finding proper housing and medical care.

Article 7. The Society will organize cultural, educational and sport activities for its members.

### III

#### Rights and Duties of Members

Article 8. Every member of the Society has the right to take part in the work of the Society, to elect and be elected to offices of the Society, to express his opinion in connection with the work of the Society, to take part in debates on the policies of the Society, and to resign from the Society if he wishes.

Article 9. Members are obliged to abide by the decisions of the Society, to pay dues, to protect the property of the Society, to educate themselves in line with the aims of the Society, to do nothing through their own personal conduct which would discredit the Society, and do everything possible for the realization of the aims of the Society.

Article 10. Members of the Society may be punished by reprimands and expulsion. Members may be expelled for disregarding the regulations of the Society and for activity contrary to the aims of the Society. The expelled member has the right of petition against the decision at the first meeting of the Executive Committee (Odbor) following his expulsion.

Article 11. (Not available)

### IV

#### Organization of the Society

Article 12. The Society is divided into the following sections: Assembly, Executive Committee and the Control Commission.

Article 13. The Assembly is the supreme organ of the Society. A meeting of the Assembly will be scheduled once a year although a special Assembly may be called by decision of the Executive Committee or by two-thirds of the members of the Society. The decisions of the Assembly are binding if at least half of its members are present. The Assembly elects the Executive Committee and the Control Commission.

Article 14. The Executive Committee consists of: President, Secretary, Treasurer and four other members. The Control Commission consists of three members. The Executive Committee may be divided into separate departments for different activities: political, educational, cultural, social, et cetera.